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SUBJ: SECVISIT: DEPARTURE STATEMENTS

VERBATIM TEXT OF DEPARTURE STATEMENTS AT AQABA AIRPORT, JANUARY  
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1. SECRETARY KISSINGER:

"MR. PRIME MINISTER, LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT PERSONAL SATISFACTION TO ME TO VISIT  
OUR FRIENDS IN JORDAN. ON THIS OCCASION WE HAD THE  
OPPORTUNITY  
TO

DISCUSS THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT THAT HAS RECENTLY BEEN  
CONCLUDED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT WHICH ALL OF US HOPE WILL  
MARK A TURNING POINT TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT GOES  
WITHOUT SAYING THAT A PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
MUST INVOLVE ALL THE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED  
IN THE VARIOUS CONFLICTS THAT HAVE RENT THIS AREA SINCE THE 1940S.  
AND THE UNITED STATES HAS A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN PEACE FOR  
ITS OLD LOYAL, AND RELIABLE FRIEND, JORDAN. AND THEREFORE AS  
WE ENVISAGE THE ROAD AHEAD TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST,  
ABOUT WHICH WE ARE MUCH MORE OPTIMISTIC NOW THAN IT WAS  
POSSIBLE TO BE SOME MONTHS AGO, WE KNOW THAT JORDAN WILL PLAY AN  
IMPORTANT ROLE INIT, IN THESE EFFORTS AS WELL. THANK YOU."

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2. PRIME MINISTER ZAID RIFA'I:

"MR. SECRETARY,

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR US TO WELCOME YOU TO JORDAN, AND WE ARE PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO RECEIVE YOU IN AQABA DURING YOUR VISIT TO OUR AREA. AS EVERYONE HERE KNOWS BY NOW, YOU ENJOY THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF OUR KING, OUR PEOPLE, OUR GOVERNMENT. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE EFFORTS EXERTED BY YOU FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND I HOPE YOUR EFFORTS FOR ACHIEVING PEACE WOULD COME TO A SUCCESSFUL END. AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, MR. SECRETARY, YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE, AND JORDAN IS YOUR SECOND HOME."  
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